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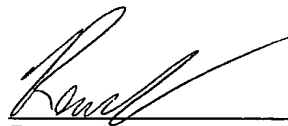
Applicant wishes to enter the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are allowed in the Notice of Allowability dated October 6, 2003; claims 21, 22 are newly added.

Claim 10 has been amended to correct an antecedent basis problem in the claim. No amendment made herein was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim unless an argument has been made herein that such amendment has been made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

With regard to new claims 21 and 22, Applicant respectfully requests examination on these claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience. They are believed to contain patentable subject matter over the art of record.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,



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